

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A joint prosthesis comprising:
a first member for engaging a first bone portion, the first member comprising a first surface with a first curve, the first curve having a first radius of curvature;
a second member for engaging a second bone portion, the second member comprising a second surface with a second curve, the second curve having a second radius of curvature smaller than the first radius of curvature; and
a center member adapted for placement at least partially the between the first member and the second member;
wherein the first member is translatable with respect to the second member and the first and second members are biased ~~second curve is positioned within the first curve to bias the first and second curves~~ towards an alignment along a first axis passing through the first and second bone portions.
2. (Currently Amended) The joint prosthesis of claim 1 wherein the first radius of curvature ~~is curve has a first constant radius and has~~ a first center point, ~~and the second curve has a second constant radius and a second center point.~~
3. (Currently Amended) The joint prosthesis of claim 2 wherein the ~~first constant~~ second radius of curvature ~~is larger than the second constant radius and has a second center point.~~
4. (Currently Amended) The joint prosthesis of claim ~~3~~ 2 wherein alignment comprises alignment of the first and second center points along the first axis.
5. (Currently Amended) The joint prosthesis of claim ~~3~~ 2 wherein the first surface ~~curve~~ has a first ~~interior area~~ recess defined by the a sweep of the first constant radius of curvature and the

second surface curve is positioned within the interior area has a first protrusion defined by a sweep of the second constant radius of curvature.

6. (Original) The joint prosthesis of claim 1 wherein the first curve has a variable radius.
7. (Currently Amended) The joint prosthesis of claim 1 wherein the first surface curve has a combination of curved and flat portions.
8. (Currently Amended) The joint prosthesis of claim 1 ~~further comprising~~ wherein the center member includes a first mating surface adapted to mate with the first surface of the first member, the first mating surface having a third radius of curvature substantially similar to the first radius of curvature of the first surface; and
a second mating surface adapted to mate with the second surface of the second member, the second mating surface having a fourth radius of curvature substantially similar to the second radius of curvature of the second surface. interposed between the first and second members.
9. (Currently Amended) The joint prosthesis of claim 1 8 wherein the center member articulates between the first and second surfaces as the first member is translated relative to the second member.
10. (Original) The joint prosthesis of claim 1 wherein the second surface has a semi-cylindrical protrusion extended along a lateral axis.
11. (Original) The joint prosthesis of claim 1 wherein the second surface has a semi-spherical protrusion.
12. (Original) The joint prosthesis of claim 1 wherein the first and second surfaces have

depressions.

13. (Original) The joint prosthesis of claim 1 further comprising a restraint mechanism for restricting motion along a second axis orthogonal to the first axis.

14. (Currently Amended) The joint prosthesis of claim 13 + wherein the first member is translatable with respect to the second member along a third axis orthogonal to the first and second axes.

15. (Original) The joint prosthesis of claim 1 further comprising a neutral position and a first position wherein in the first position, the implant is biased to move toward the neutral position.

16. (Original) The joint prosthesis of claim 15 wherein in the first position, the first curve is in closer conformance with the second curve.

17. (Original) The joint prosthesis of claim 1 wherein the first curve is wider than the second curve.

18. (Currently Amended) The joint prosthesis of claim 1 wherein the first member curve is superior to the second member curve along the first axis.

19. (Original) The joint prosthesis of claim 1 wherein the first surface is concave and the second surface is convex.

20. (Original) The joint prosthesis of claim 1 wherein the first and second surfaces are concave.

21. (Original) The joint prosthesis of claim 1 wherein the first and second bone portions

comprise a shoulder joint.

22. (Original) The joint prosthesis of claim 1 wherein the first and second bone portions comprise a knee joint.

23. (Original) The joint prosthesis of claim 1 wherein the first and second bone portions comprise a hip joint.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A method for installing a joint prosthesis device between two bone portions, the method comprising:

engaging a center member with a first curved surface of a first member, the first curved surface having a first radius of curvature;

engaging the center member with a second curved surface of a second member, the second curved surface having a second radius of curvature smaller than the first radius of curvature;

~~positioning the second curved surface within an interior area of the first curved surface;~~

engaging the first member with a first bone portion; and

engaging the second member with a second bone portion,

wherein the first member is translatable with respect to the second member and further wherein the first and second curved surfaces are biased toward alignment along an axis passing through the first and second bone portions.

26. (Canceled)

27. (New) The joint prosthesis of claim 1 wherein the first member includes a first engagement surface for engaging a first part of the first bone portion.

28. (New) The joint prosthesis of claim 27 wherein the first engagement surface is shaped to substantially conform to a first shape of the first part of the first bone portion.
29. (New) The intervertebral implant of claim 28 wherein the first engagement surface is substantially flat.
30. (New) The intervertebral implant of claim 28 wherein the first engagement surface is at least partially curved.
31. (New) The intervertebral implant of claim 28 wherein the first engagement surface is at least partially convex.
32. (New) The joint prosthesis of claim 28 wherein the second member includes a second engagement surface for engaging a second part of the second bone portion.
33. (New) The joint prosthesis of claim 29 wherein the second engagement surface is shaped to substantially conform to a second shape of the second part of the second bone portion.